

5883. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — TSCA Inventory Update Reporting Partially Exempted Chemicals List Addition of Certain Aluminum Alkyl Chemicals [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2005-0047; FRL-7732-6] (RIN: 2070-AC61) received December 15, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5884. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — TSCA Inventory Update Reporting Revisions [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2004-0106; FRL-7743-9] (RIN: 2070-AC61) received December 15, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5885. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Memoranda of Understanding between Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality [EPA-R06-OAR-2004-TX-0001; FRL-8007-5] received December 12, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5886. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Exemption of Certain Area Sources from Title V Operating Permit Programs [OAR-2004-0010; FRL-8008-5] (RIN: 2060-AM31) received December 12, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5887. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's first annual report on Ethanol Market Concentration, pursuant to Section 1501(a)(2) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5888. A letter from the Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting the Commission's report providing a detailed analysis of the effectiveness and enforcement of the provisions of the Controlling the Assault of Non-Solicited Pornography and Marketing Act of 2003, pursuant to Public Law 108-187, section 10; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5889. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

5890. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to the Import Certificate Requirements in the Export Administration Regulations [Docket No. 050812221-5221-01] (RIN: 0694-AD50) received December 7, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on International Relations.

5891. A letter from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, President's Pay Agent, transmitting a report justifying the reasons for the extension of locality-based comparability payments to categories of positions that are in more than one executive agency, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 5304(h)(2)(C); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5892. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — Privacy Act of 1974; Implementation [AAG/A Order No. 010-2005] received December 9, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5893. A letter from the President, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's Annual Report for 2005, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4513; to the Committee on Government Reform.

5894. A letter from the Director, Peace Corps, transmitting the semiannual report

on the activities of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1, 2005 through September 30, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

5895. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Extension of Administrative Fines Program [Notice 2005-30] received December 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

5896. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Electioneering Communications [Notice 2005-29] received December 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on House Administration.

5897. A letter from the Legal Analyst, Presidio Trust, transmitting the Trust's final rule — Debt Collection (RIN: 3212-AA07) received December 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

5898. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Civil Works, Department of the Army, transmitting a copy of the the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact of the Napa Salt Marsh Restoration, California; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5899. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards for the Iron and Steel Manufacturing Point Source Category [Docket No. EPA-OW-2002-0027; FRL-8007-8] (RIN: 2040-AE78) received December 9, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5900. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Announcement of Contract Awards (RIN: 2700-AD18) received December 18, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Science.

5901. A letter from the Director, SHRP, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Veterans Recruitment Appointments (RIN: 3206-AJ90) received December 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

5902. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Rulings Division, Alcohol & Tobacco Tax & Trade Bureau, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of the Wahluke Slope Viticultural Area (2005R-026P) [T.D. TTB-40; Re: Notice No. 46] (RIN: 1513-AB01) received December 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5903. A letter from the Administrator, Office of Workforce Security, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Allocation of Costs of Assessing and Collecting State Taxes that are Collected in Conjunction with the State Unemployment Compensation Tax—received November 8, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5904. A letter from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Sickness or Accident Disability Payments [TD 9233] (RIN: 1545-BC89) received December 16, 2005, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5905. A letter from the United States Trade Representative, transmitting reports of the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiations (ACTPN) and the Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) 8: Information and Communication Technologies,

and E-Commerce, on the Agreement on Duty-Free Treatment of Multi-Chip Integrated Circuits, pursuant to Section 2104(e) of the Trade Act of 2002 and Section 135(e) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5906. A letter from the Portfolio Manager, Critical Infrastructure Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a copy of the National Critical Infrastructure Protection Research and Development Plan; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

5907. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Special Operations and Low-Interest Conflict, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2005 annual report on the Regional Defense Counterterrorism Fellowship Program, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2249c; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and International Relations.

5908. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting pursuant to section 7(a) of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-45), a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2006-5 suspending the limitation on the obligation of the State Department Appropriations contained in sections 3(b) and 7(b) of that Act for six months as well as the periodic report provided for under Section 6 of the Act covering the period from June 16, 2005 to the present, pursuant to Public Law 104-45, section 6 (109 Stat. 400); jointly to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations.

5909. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Department of Commerce, transmitting the annual report on the activities of the Economic Development Administration for Fiscal Year 2004, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 3217; jointly to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Financial Services.

5910. A letter from the Chairman, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting the Commission's report entitled, "Home Health Agency Case Mix and Financial Performance," pursuant to Public Law 108-173, section 705; jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2863. A bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-359). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. HUNTER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 1815. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2006 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal year 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-360). Ordered to be printed.

[Filed on December 19 (legislative day of December 18), 2005]

Mr. COLE of Oklahoma: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 639. Resolution waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2863) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes (Rept. 109-361). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. HERGER:

H.R. 4635. A bill to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2006, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, considered and passed.

By Mr. OXLEY:

H.R. 4636. A bill to enact the technical and conforming amendments necessary to implement the Federal Deposit Insurance Reform Act of 2005, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, considered and passed.

By Mr. GILLMOR:

H.R. 4637. A bill to make certain technical corrections in amendments made by the Energy Policy Act of 2005; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, considered and passed.

By Mr. HALL:

H.R. 4638. A bill to increase domestic supplies of natural gas through an accelerated program of development and deployment of new technologies; to the Committee on Science, and in addition to the Committee on Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FOSSELLA:

H.R. 4639. A bill to require community notice for the placement of group houses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GERLACH:

H.R. 4640. A bill to reduce the Nation's oil dependence and enhance the Nation's ability to produce alternative fuels; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GINGREY (for himself, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mrs. CAPITO, and Miss MCMORRIS):

H.R. 4641. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the deduction under section 179 for the purchase of qualified health care information technology by medical care providers and to allow a credit against tax for applicable telecommunications charges paid or incurred by such providers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 4642. A bill to enhance the adoption of a nationwide interoperable health information technology system and to improve the quality and reduce the costs of health care in the United States; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. KING of Iowa (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FLAKE, and Mr. HENSARLING):

H.R. 4643. A bill to repeal the wage rate requirements commonly known as the Davis-Bacon Act; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

H.R. 4644. A bill to authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania (for herself and Mrs. LOWEY):

H.R. 4645. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide broader and

more informed protection to Medicare eligible individuals from abusive marketing practices of Medicare prescription drug plans and MA-PD plans to permit enrollees under Medicare prescription drug plans that have been sanctioned to elect to enroll under other plans; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHERMAN:

H.R. 4646. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7320 Reseda Boulevard in Reseda, California, as the "Coach John Wooden Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Mr. POMBO:

H. Con. Res. 326. Concurrent resolution providing for the sine die adjournment of the first session of the One Hundred Ninth Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, and Mr. HONDA):

H. Con. Res. 327. Concurrent resolution congratulating President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf for becoming the first democratically-elected female President of the Republic of Liberia and the first female African head of state; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. MACK:

H. Con. Res. 328. Concurrent resolution condemning the anti-democratic actions of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should strongly support the aspirations of the democratic forces in Venezuela; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. CONYERS:

H. Res. 635. A resolution creating a select committee to investigate the Administration's intent to go to war before congressional authorization, manipulation of pre-war intelligence, encouraging and countenancing torture, retaliating against critics, and to make recommendations regarding grounds for possible impeachment; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. CONYERS:

H. Res. 636. A resolution censuring President George W. Bush for failing to respond to requests for information concerning allegations that he and others in his Administration misled Congress and the American people regarding the decision to go to war in Iraq, misstated and manipulated intelligence information regarding the justification for the war, countenanced torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of persons in Iraq, and permitted inappropriate retaliation against critics of his Administration, for failing to adequately account for specific misstatements he made regarding the war, and for failing to comply with Executive Order 12958; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CONYERS:

H. Res. 637. A resolution censuring Vice President Richard B. Cheney for failing to respond to requests for information concerning allegations that he and others in the Administration misled Congress and the American people regarding the decision to go to war in Iraq, misstated and manipulated intelligence information regarding the justification for the war, countenanced torture and cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment of persons in Iraq, and permitted inappropriate retaliation against critics of the Administration and for failing to adequately account for specific misstatements he made regarding the war; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. WATERS:

H. Res. 638. A resolution congratulating Bill Gates, Melinda Gates and Bono for being named Time Magazine's 2005 Person of the Year; to the Committee on Government Reform.

By Ms. LEE:

H. Res. 641. A resolution requesting the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in his possession relating to electronic surveillance without search warrants on individuals in the United States; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Ms. LEE:

H. Res. 642. A resolution requesting the President and directing the Secretary of State to provide to the House of Representatives certain documents in their possession relating to the Secretary of State's trip to Europe in December 2005; to the Committee on International Relations.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

228. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 13 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action so that the Youngstown Joint Air Reserve Station in Vienna Township, Ohio, is excluded from the list of base closures for Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

229. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 7 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action so that funding to the Joint Systems Manufacturing Center in Lima, Ohio, is not reduced through the Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

230. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 11 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action so that Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is excluded from the list of base closures for the Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

231. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of Ohio, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution Number 12 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take appropriate action so that the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center and the Defense Finance Accounting Services Center in Cleveland are excluded from the list of base closures for the Base Realignment and Closure process; to the Committee on Armed Services.

232. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of California, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 11 urging the Congress of the United States to adopt the Military Readiness Enhancement Act of 2005 (H.R. 1059) to end the discriminatory federal policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

233. Also, a memorial of the General Assembly of the State of California, relative to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 memorializing the Congress of the United States to take necessary action to increase corporate average fuel economy standards by at least 1.5 miles per gallon per annum until total average fuel economy for new light-duty motor vehicle fleet sold in California is double today's average; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

234. Also, a memorial of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, relative to